

Dahlia Garden

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers Learning Center for Gardening



Dahlias are prized for their elegance, impressive size and range of colors. The show-stopping flowers can measure eight or more inches in diameter with dozens of petals. Dahlias are classified by the arrangement of their petals, which come in several variations. The dahlia is a hardy native perennial in Mexico and Central America, and can be raised from tubers as an annual in Ohio.

WHAT GROWS HERE

Our dahlia collection includes:

Row 1

- Kasasagi
- Ivanetti
- Midnight Star
- Bride 2 Be
- Woodland Wild Thing
- Baron Aunt Dorothy

Row 2

- Manhattan island
- Big brother
- Hakyoh
- Holly hill miss white
- Light accord
- Tobasco

Row 3

- Marcella Louise
- Embrace
- NTAC ELIZA
- AC Ben
- Cornell bronze
- Colorado classic

Row 4

- Holland festival
- Emory Paul
- Cafe au Lait
- Wyn's neon dream
- Penhill watermelon
- Karma Sangria

HOW WE GROW IT

To encourage the big beautiful blooms dahlias are noted for, trimming is needed a few times during the growing season. In the spring after a few sets of leaves have emerged and lateral shoots form off the main stem, we pinch off the top of the main stem so that the lateral shoots will grow vigorously to provide sturdy stems for additional flowers. As buds begin to appear, we pinch off any buds on the side of the stem to allow the single central bud to bloom and grow as large as possible.

At the end of the season, the bulbs are dug up, washed, divided and stored for next spring.

Resources

<https://guernsey.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers/news-guernsey-county-master-gardeners/dahlias>

<https://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/files/Dahlias.pdf>



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